

IC 22-4-43

Chapter 43. Hoosier Workers First Training Program

IC 22-4-43-1

"Fund"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Hoosier workers first training fund established by section 5 of this chapter.
As added by P.L.175-2009, SEC.47.

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Program established; purposes

Sec. 2. The Hoosier workers first training program is established for the following purposes:

- (1) To improve manufacturing productivity levels in Indiana.
- (2) To enable firms to become competitive by making workers more productive through training.
- (3) To create a competitive economy by creating and retaining jobs.
- (4) To encourage the increased training necessary because of an aging workforce.
- (5) To avoid potential payment of unemployment compensation by providing workers with enhanced job skills.

As added by P.L.175-2009, SEC.47.

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Program administration

Sec. 3. The department shall administer the Hoosier workers first training program.

As added by P.L.175-2009, SEC.47.

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Annual report

Sec. 4. For each state fiscal year, the department shall prepare an annual report on the use of the fund as a part of the report required by IC 22-4-18-7.

As added by P.L.175-2009, SEC.47.

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Fund established; purposes; worker training grants; administration; investments

Sec. 5. (a) The Hoosier workers first training fund is established to do the following:

- (1) Administer the costs of the Hoosier workers first training program established by section 2 of this chapter.
- (2) Undertake any program or activity that furthers the purposes of this chapter.

(b) The money in the fund shall be allocated to employers or consortiums for worker training grants that enable workers who reside in Indiana to obtain recognizable credentials or certifications and transferable employment skills that improve employer

competitiveness.

(c) Special consideration shall be given to Ivy Tech Community College (as defined in IC 21-7-13-22) to be the provider of the training funded under this chapter whenever the state educational institution:

(1) meets the identified training needs of an employer or a consortium with an existing credentialing or certification program; and

(2) is the most cost effective provider.

(d) For the worker training grants described in subsection (b), the department shall do the following:

(1) Provide grant applications to interested employers and consortiums.

(2) Accept completed applications for the grants.

(3) Obtain all information necessary or appropriate to determine whether an applicant qualifies for a grant, including information concerning:

(A) the applicant;

(B) the training to be offered;

(C) the training provider; and

(D) the workers to be trained.

(4) Allocate the money in the fund in accordance with subsections (b) and (c).

(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested.

(f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

(g) The fund consists of the following:

(1) Appropriations from the general assembly.

(2) Earnings acquired through the use of money belonging to the fund.

(3) Money deposited in the fund from any other source.

(h) Any balance in the fund does not lapse but is available continuously to the department for expenditures for the program established by this chapter.

As added by P.L.175-2009, SEC.47.